GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Directives from NGT
Chandumajra Shri Prem Singh

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has sought a report regarding the Nallahs draining into the river Ganga between Haridwar and Unnao;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the NGT has also sought information on the nature of effluents flowing into the river;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to check flow of effluents into the river Ganges?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)to(d) The National Green Tribunal (NGT) in its order dated 19.10.2016 in the matter of M. C. Mehta Vs Union of India and Others (Original Application No. 200/2014) directed the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (UPJN), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) and Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MWR, RD & GR) to identify the number of drains joining river Ganga or its tributaries, quantum and quality of effluent going to river Ganga or its main tributaries. As per the survey carried out, a total of 58 drains discharge domestic/ industrial/ mixed effluents into river Ganga and its tributaries, out of which 33 drains discharge into Ganga, 6 drains into Ramganga, 14 drains into Kali (east) and 5 drains into Pandu river.

(e) The steps taken by the Government to address the issues of water pollution, inter alia, include the following:-
i. Preparation of action plan for sewage management and restoration of water quality in aquatic resources by State Governments;
ii. Installation of Online Effluent Monitoring System to check the discharge of effluent directly into the rivers and water bodies;
iii. Setting up of monitoring network for assessment of water quality;
iv. Action to comply with effluent standards is taken by State Pollution Control Boards / Pollution Control Committees (SPCBs / PCCs) to improve the water quality of the rivers;
v. Implementation of 126 projects under Namami Gange programme by MoWR,RD&GR including execution of 85 projects for creation of new Sewage Treatment Capacity, rehabilitation of existing capacity and laying / rehabilitation of sewer network;
vi. Financial assistance for installation of Common Effluent Treatment Plants for cluster of Small Scale Industrial units;
vii. Issuance of directions for implementation of Zero Liquid Discharge;
viii. Issuance of directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to industries and under Section 18(1)(b) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974;

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